

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Public Servants – Agricultural Marketing Dept. – Certain irregularities committed in drawing huge amounts and incurring expenditure at the fag end of the financial year without following the norms and procedures at A.M.C., Kavali and Kovur by Sri G. Viswanatham, former Secretary presently Selection Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Gaddiannaram(now under suspension) –Article of charge - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1123

Dated: 10-09-2009

**ORDER:**

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri G. Viswanatham, former Secretary presently Selection Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Gaddiannaram(now under suspension) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 172 of A.P.(AP&LS)Market Rules, 1969.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of charge (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the article of charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure II and III).

3 Sri G. Viswanatham, former Secretary presently Selection Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Gaddiannaram(now under suspension) is directed to submit within 15 days of the receipt of this orders, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri G. Viswanatham, former Secretary presently Selection Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Gaddiannaram(now under suspension) is further informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charge as is not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri G. Viswanatham, former Secretary presently Selection Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Gaddiannaram(now under suspension) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para (3) above further action will be proceeded based on the material available.

6. The attention of Sri G. Viswanatham, former Secretary presently Selection Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Gaddiannaram(now under suspension) is invited to rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri G. Viswanatham, former Secretary presently Selection Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Gaddiannaram(now under suspension) is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**K. R. KISHORE**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri G. Viswanatham, former Secretary presently Selection Grade Secretary,  
A.M.C., Gaddiannaram(now under suspension)  
(Through : Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Hyderabad)

The Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Hyderabad.  
(with a requested to serve the copy and send dated acknowledgment)

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**ANNEXUR-I**

**ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI G. VISWANATHAM,  
FORMER SECRETARY PRESENTLY SELECTION GRADE SECRETARY (NOW UNDER  
SUSPENSION), A.M.C., GADDIANNARAM**

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**Charge:** "That Sri G. Viswanatham, while working as Secretary, A.M.M, Kavali and Kovur(presently Selection grade Secretary, A.M.C., Gaddiannaram – under suspension) has drawn an amount of Rs.5,50,000/- on 21-03-2007 vide Cheque No.728383 at A.M.C., Kavali to conduct the Rythu Sadassulu and also drawn an amount of Rs.1,90,000/- on 14-03-2007 vide Cheque No.A-728229 at A.M.C., Kovur to conduct the various programmes and incurred expenditure irregularly at the fag end of the financial year without following the norms and procedure. Thus, this clearly shows his gross negligence in performing his legitimate duties".

**Basis:** The Deputy Director of Marketing, Guntur in his report dt.7-8-2008 has stated that he has enquired on the complaints made by Sri N. Subba Reddy and Sri N. Ramana Reddy brothers and farmers of A.M.C., Kavali and Kovur on the following points:-

1. An amount of Rs.5,50,000/- was said to be drawn on 21-03-2007 vide Cheque No.728383 by the Secretary, AMC, Kavali to conduct the Rythu Sadassulu.;
2. An amount of Rs.1,90,000/- was said to be drawn on 14-03-2007 vide Cheque No.A-728229 by the Secretary, AMC, Kovur to conduct the various programmes.

As per the Deputy Director of Marketing, Guntur report after verification of records in A.M.C., Kavali and Kovur as against the amount of Rs.5,50,000/- drawn through Cheque No.728383, dt.21-03-2007, the following expenditure was incurred for health camps and farmers awareness programmes in notified area of the A.M.C., Kavali:-

1. Health Camps	--	Rs. 40,000-00
2. Furniture	--	Rs. 40,000-00
3. Machines	--	Rs. 40,000-00
4. V.VIPs visits and Paper Advts.	--	Rs. 29,900-00
5. Farmer awareness Camps/Misc.	--	Rs.3,59,729-00
Total:		Rs.5,09,629-00

The remaining amount of Rs.40,371/- was remitted back to the A.M.C.funds vide Challan No.761, dt.24-04-2007.

On the above issue, the Secretary, A.M.C., Kavali has reported that the A.M.C. has proposed to conduct farmers awareness programmes and health camps in the notified area of A.M.C., Kavali within the approved budget of Rs.5.25 lakhs during the year 2006-07 and also stated that the Income Tax Dept. issued notices under 226(3) of I.T.Act and pressurized the SBI and STO, Kavali not to pass the cheques pertaining to A.M.C., Kavali.

In view of the above circumstances only the above said amount was drawn on 21-03-2007 to conduct said programmes.

Further, regarding an amount of Rs.1,90,000/-, the Secretary, A.M.C., Kovur has stated that the A.M.C. has decided to conduct the Kalajastharas in the villages to educate about the R.B.P., Rythu Bhima and Rythu Mitra Programmes of the Department. The Commissioner of Food Processing and Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad has accorded sanction of budget provision of Rs.5.25 lakhs under farmer awareness programmes during the year 2006-07 and also as per the instructions of the Commissioner of Food Processing and Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad, he has conducted the Kalajatharas through "Abhyudaya Kalaranjani" of Hyderabad for a period of 20 days in the month of February,

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2007 and March, 2007 also paid Rs.8,500/- per day to the 12 members of cultural team. So far 20 days, an amount of Rs.1,70,000/- expenditure and Rs.20,000/- is used for mike and lighting system at Rs.1000/- for 20 days. Thus, a total lump-sum amount of Rs.1,90,000/- was drawn and paid to above purpose in view of attachment of funds of A.M.C., Kovur by the Income Tax Department. This clearly shows his gross negligence in performing his official duties.

**K. R. KISHORE**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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**ANNEXURE-II**

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST  
SRI G. VISWANATHAM, FORMER SECRETARY PRESENTLY SELECTION GRADE  
SECRETARY (NOW UNDER SUSPENSION), A.M.C., GADDIANNARAM**

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Letter No.60/SMA/2007, dt.31-07-2008 of the Regional Deputy Director of Marketing,  
Guntur(Detailed Report)

**K. R. KISHORE  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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**ANNEXURE-III**

**LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST  
SRI G. VISWANATHAM, FORMER SECRETARY PRESENTLY SELECTION GRADE  
SECRETARY (NOW UNDER SUSPENSION), A.M.C., GADDIANNARAM**

--Nil--

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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